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Society of Friends, Philosophy
c Imperial Munitions Board; Ontario Organization of Resources Committee; July 1916 - April 1917

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A most important step was taken by the Board of Governors last June in relieving Dr. Abbott of a portion of his duties in the Department of Philosophy and assigning to him the Secretaryship of the Alumni Association. There is a large field to be developed by Dr. Abbott and if he succeeds in deepening the interest of the Alumni in the University he will perform a very valuable piece of work.

Among the American Universities the Alumni Associations have grown to positions of great influence. Probably in no part of the world are the graduates so closely associated with their colleges and universities as in the United States. Possibly peculiar conditions have given rise to this and there may be something in the temperament of the American people that expresses itself in this institutional loyalty. But whether this be so or not it is a most commendable quality in the American college men and women and we are following the good example in endeavouring to create around Toronto something of the same spirit.

The way in which the University of Toronto has grown through the federation of colleges and the gradual expansion of former institutions as faculties has hitherto made it more difficult to arouse in this University a unified spirit than in some other more homogeneous institutions. But the time seems to have come when we are ready for a change. The magnificent response that has been given by the University in all its faculties and colleges to the call for active service has brought us all together in a common pride. Men in great numbers, graduates, undergraduates and members of the staff, have gone to the front, been wounded, and have fallen. The women have been united in a common effort to serve in their own way and they are all one in rallying to the cause, the meaning of which they understand so well.

The common sacrifice of the University has provided it with a common pride. It will be felt in the future as never before that an academic life which can sacrifice itself for a great cause so liberally should also find expression in earnest work and sympathetic interest in the institution from which so much of their own intellectual life has come and which ought to serve the country even more pre-eminently than it has done in the past. The University man and woman has understood the meaning of the war. They understand also the needs of the higher life of the country. To bring them together in common loyalty

to the institution which does so much for their higher needs is a task worth promoting.

Dr. Abbott has since the war began been engaged with great success in organising various kinds of patriotic work and he has had experience in the extension work of the University and has shown his ability to do the kind of service that he will require to render in his new office. We look forward with much satisfaction to the results that will follow in this appointment.



Toronto, September 12th, 1916.

President R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the engagement of Mr Bott to do my lecture work during the approaching session, I thought it might be well to let you have a copy of the agreement which was adopted by the Committee with regard to the payment of Mr Bott. The paragraph dealing with the matter is as follows:-

"It is understood that Dr Abbott obtain a man
"to take his place as Lecturer in the University, thus
"releasing himself from that work to enable him to give
"the more time to the work of the Committee, and after
"the 1st October Dr Abbott is to be paid at the rate of
"\$200 per month, out of which he is to pay for the ser-
"vices of the Lecturer to take his place. It is under-
"stood that the Committee will have the right to dispense
"with Dr Abbott's services at any time without liability
"for remuneration after his services have ceased, but
"that in any event the Committee will protect Dr Abbott
"for the amount he has to pay for his substitute as a
"Lecturer in the University."

You will notice that the Committee has arranged to pay Mr Bott no matter what may happen with regard to the Committee's work. I should like to make some arrangement with the University whereby it will appear that Mr Bott has the status of a Lecturer and is receiving \$1,200. Would it not be acceptable to the Board if I were to pay in to the Bursar \$112.50 a month for eight months?

Yours faithfully,

Albert H. Abbott

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

Oct. 11th, 1916.

President Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear President Falconer:-

I beg to submit a brief statement of the past
Summer Session and the Extension work as it stands at present.

The attendance at the Summer Session of
1916 was three hundred and fifty-three (353) distributed
through the Courses as follows -

Faculty Entrance	97
Normal Entrance	68
Household Science	41
Vocal Music	37
Manual Training	22
Commerce	18
Special Course in French	20
Pedagogy	19
Second Year Work	31

Of this number two hundred and fifty-five (255) were women and
ninety-eight (98) were men. Perhaps the Course which aroused
the greatest enthusiasm was the Special Course in French
arranged for teachers of French. Classes in pronunciation and
Methods of teaching were interspersed with "Causeries" and lectures
on France: the people, institutions, army and navy, the great war,
chief men in literature, etc. There was an increase in the
attendance in each of the above Courses, the largest increase
being in Normal Entrance. It may be of interest to you to know
the proportion of Roman Catholics was about one third of the total

enrolment. In the Normal and Faculty Entrance Courses the proportion was about one half.

The following entertainment was arranged for the Summer Session students in all the Courses (something over one thousand):-three evening lectures,
The True Significance of the War - The Honourable Mr. Justice Riddell,
The Organization of the British Empire - Sir John Willison,
What can Canada Learn from the War - President Falconer;
excursions to Niagara Falls; to the Prison Farm and Ontario Agricultural Farm, Guelph; and a visit to the Ontario Museum.
From 250 to 300 attended each lecture, 218 took advantage of the excursion to Niagara while 182 went to the Prison Farm at Guelph.

The results of the Second Year work, given at the Summer Session, have been most gratifying. The subjects offered at the past Session were English, French and Physics. The enrolment was thirty-one (31), nine (9) of these were successful in three subjects (five of these were also successful in First Year French); twelve (12) were successful in two subjects and three (3) were successful in one subject. The record of regular University students attending the Summer Session in order to write off a star does not appear in the above. The following are the results according to grade -

(First Year French	Grade A,	0;	Grade B,	2;	Grade C,	3	Total	5)
Second Year English	" A	2;	" B,	12;	" C,	2	"	16
" " French	" A	3;	" B,	8;	" C,	5	"	16
" " Physics	" A	<u>6;</u>	" B,	<u>9;</u>	" C,	<u>8</u>	"	23
	" A	11;	" B,	31;	" C,	18		

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The Teachers' Courses seem promising for the coming winter. Eight (8) have applied for Second Year Latin, History and Biology; eight (8) for Latin and Biology; two (2) for Latin and History; one (1) for Biology and History; one (1) for Biology. These classes are to be given from 4.30 to 6 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and on Saturday mornings from 9 to 1.

In addition to the regular subjects of the Second Year, arrangements have been made for a Special Course in French to be given by Professor de Champ to teachers of French. The Course consists of ten (10) lectures to be delivered weekly. This Course was the result of a special request, from a number of the Toronto teachers, for Professor de Champ to repeat some of the lectures which he delivered at last Summer Session. The first lecture was delivered last evening with an attendance of sixty-seven (67).

The applications for the Normal and Faculty Entrance and Commercial work have been coming in slowly but steadily since the beginning of September. The number of Correspondence Students at present is as follows -

Faculty Entrance	25
Normal Entrance	9
Commerce	7

This by no means indicates the total number of the Applicants for this Course. They come in up to Christmas in spite of the effort which we make to have them begin in September.

Yours faithfully,

Albert H. Abbott



ONTARIO
ORGANIZATION OF RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

Toronto. July 27th 1916.

President Falconer,
Toronto University.

Toronto.

My Dear President Falconer:-

It would be a matter of public interest if we could ascertain, even if only approximately, the amounts which Ontario has contributed to the various war funds.

Would you be kind enough to let me know how much the University Base Hospital has cost, and also give me as good an idea as you can of what amount has been contributed toward it from the Province of Ontario?

Yours faithfully,

Albert H. Abbott
Secretary.

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM FOR

Sept. 30 1916

The Superintendent

Perhaps you would
speak to the President
Sometime about the
accompanying letter.

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A. W. Patterson
Secretary.



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TORONTO, Sept. 29, 1916.

President Robert A. Falconer,
The University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear President Falconer:

We are gradually moving the Alumni supplies from the Physics Building over to my office in the Main Building. We have, however, no room at the present time for the files of the Alumni Monthly nor have we any very convenient room from which to send out the copies of the Monthly. The room which was used by the students and which has been used to store recruiting posters is not free nor will it be free until the recruiting posters can be disposed of. What I wish to say, however, is that in consideration of the certain growth of the Alumni work and of the subscriptions to the monthly, it would seem to me obvious that this large room should be reserved for the Alumni Association. I feel safe in assuring you that we shall need every bit of it next fall. You, of course, understand that I do not wish anything done at the present moment. I am simply endeavouring to forestall any other application which might be made for it.

Yours faithfully,

Albert H. Abbott

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY EXTENSION:
THE SUMMER SESSION;
SPECIAL COURSES FOR TEACHERS;
LOCAL LECTURES.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

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Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the above mentioned courses.

I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I am sure that you will understand the necessity of this delay.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
Albert H. Hobbs

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO,

TORONTO 25th OCT.,

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Albert H. Abbott

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October 11th, 1916

Dr. A. H. Abbott,
 Speakers' Patriotic League,
 Chicago.

Dear Dr. Abbott:

I would like to be present at the dinner on
 Monday night in connection with the Speakers' Patriotic League,
 but I fear that it will be impossible as I should be on a
 cruise that is in connection with military matters and not
 to be away until Tuesday morning.

Yours sincerely,

President.



IMPERIAL MUNITIONS BOARD

OTTAWA

IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER
ALBERT H. ABBOTT,
TO DIRECTOR FOR ONTARIO.

Toronto, Nov. 7th 1916.
506 Traders Bank Bldg.

President R.A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear President Falconer:-

In accordance with our conversation of this morning I took up the matter of salary with Mr. Irish. He has agreed, on behalf of the Imperial Munitions Board, to pay half my University salary provided the Board pays the other half; that would place me on the basis of those who are on active service. This would be calculated on my total salary from the University of \$3600. I think this arrangement, not altogether unfair to the University as I certainly will be on duty which is a very practical form of active service in connection with the war, and further, it would be quite impossible for me to avoid frequent consultation with both Miss Latter and Miss Thompson concerning the work of the Extension of the Alumni Offices.

I should be glad if you would let me know as soon as convenient what arrangement has been made so that Mr. Irish may make his recommendation to the Board at Ottawa.

Yours faithfully,

Albert H. Abbott

DIRECTOR FOR ONTARIO. DEPT. OF LABOR

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TO. DIRECTOR FOR ONTARIO.

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I did in the British Red Cross campaign of 1915.

Letter and receipt wish to place it in your hands.

Albert H. Abbott

October 15th, 1916

Dr. A. H. Abbott,
Secretary, Alumni Association,
University of Toronto.

Dear Dr. Abbott:

The estimate of \$300 was passed yesterday so
that you may be certain when the circularising of the Alumni for
the Hospital Supply Association. Whichever the money can be
taken out of one or other of the funds in connection with your
department.

Yours sincerely,



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January 10th, 1917.

IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER

TO

President R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

My dear President Falconer:-

There is a matter which I have neglected to deal with, which has been left over from the Summer Session, which I should like to take up with you now.

The students in Physics were taking second year work; none of them had taken the Laboratory work at the University, for the first year; they held Faculty Entrance certificates. As practically no credit has been given for Laboratory work, on these certificates in the past, I assume that it was altogether improbable that these students could produce evidence of having done sufficient work to allow the University to give them credit for first year practical work in Physics.

I discussed the matter with Dr. Satterley and after a good deal of consideration, he proposed the following plan, viz, that as these students were doing practical work in the second year in Hydrostatics and Heat, those who qualified in the second year should not be required to do that work over again, for the first year; that left about half of the practical work in the first year to do, viz, the work in, I think electricity and light, and Dr. Satterley proposed that if these students were willing to remain an extra week, at from four to eight hours a day, this extra work could be covered and in that case credit could be given them for the practical work in the first year, providing, of course, that their standing in the Laboratory practice was sufficiently high.

As there was no opportunity to call a meeting of the Council, I discussed the matter with those members of the staff who were teaching at the Summer Session and decided that I would take a deposit from each Student, sufficient to cover the expenses of this extra week, provided salaries were paid^d during the Summer session. Dr. Satterley got in touch with Prof. Burton and with



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January 19th, 1917.

TO

President E. A. Falconer, - 2.

Prof. McEwen in England and both approved the plan he had suggested. I therefore authorized him to go on with the work. I made no promise to the students that credit would be granted them, but simply told them that Dr. Satterley and the Professor in Physics would recommend that it should be granted. Twenty-eight took this extra week's work and I have on deposit \$112.00, which will be turned over to the Bursar of the University, providing the Board of Governors are willing to authorize the charge of a \$4.00 fee.

I can only recommend that Dr. Satterley be paid for this extra week's work, as he was paid for the Summer session and I enclose herewith the account which I have received from him, for this amount.

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Yours faithfully,

Albert H. Abbott

P.S. I find I shall have to hand the account to you tomorrow as I have not got it at this office. AHA



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TORONTO. February 17th, 1917

IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER

TO

Pres. A. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Pres. Falconer:

I have been in consultation with our Inspection Department concerning the possibility of using members of the University Staff during the Summer, from Apr. 1st to Oct. 1st as an outside limit, and I find that men, who are willing to serve continuously, and to go where they may be required and whose eyesight is sufficiently good for the purpose, can be placed. While it is too early at the moment to say that there will be such a shortage of labor during this period that the help of such men would be greatly desired, the outlook is decidedly in that direction.

I am sending you by this mail a number of forms of application and I would suggest that you let the members of the staff know the general conditions as follows: Applicants filling in this form are understood to be willing to go between April 1st and Oct. 1st to any plant in Ontario as may be required. The Department will refund cost of transportation. Examiners are to work overtime, including Sundays when called upon by the Chief Examiner to do so. The regular rate of pay applies to overtime. The wages allowed on starting work are from \$3.00 to \$3.50 a day, depending in part upon the ability of the person engaged. I imagine that members of the staff would, without question be paid \$3.50 a day. Any who might be able to state at the outset that they would continue the work as long as needed might be made Chief Examiners within a reasonably short time, and of course, the pay in this connection would be somewhat more.

I have suggested to Lieut. Cooper, with whom I spoke of the matter, that it would be well if he could arrange to send two such men together. He is willing to endeavor to do this, though of course, no absolute promise could be made at this time.

As I mentioned to you when discussing the matter it would seem to me that any members of the staff should not consider serving as machine operators unless they have had some experience in this kind of work, for

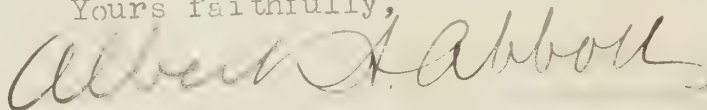
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Pres.R.A.Falconer

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in this they would be in competition with unskilled labor ,and unless the need were very great, might very well be open to criticism, for endeavoring to secure such positions. Apart from this, their services as an inspector would certainly be more valuable to the cause than in the capacity of operator. What applies to members of the staff will apply to a very limited number of students also, though I should not like at the moment to suggest that all the students, who might offer their services as inspectors, could be placed.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Albert A. Abbott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Albert" and the last name "Abbott" being the most prominent parts.

Ontario Director, Department of Labour



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20 February, 1917.

President R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

My dear President Falconer:-

I beg to inform you that my expenses
to Buffalo were as follows:-

Return railroad fare	\$5.30	
Parlor car & tip	.70	
Hotel bill	3.00	
Breakfast	1.00	\$10.00

Yours faithfully,

Albert H. Abbot

March 6th, 1917

Dr. A. F. Abbott,

Secretary, University Extension Committee.

Dear Dr. Abbott:

I have seen Miss Livingston and she informs me that it will be impossible for her to arrange meals for the women who may have rooms in Green's Hall during the time of the Summer Session. It is with difficulty that she is holding even the staff that she has.

I have also seen Miss Lyle, and she will undertake to supply a certain amount of the necessaries of the Dining Hall for the Royal Flying Corps, which will doubtless be given the use of the kitchens of the House of Governors that Thursday.

Will you be kind enough to let Miss Lyle know that the only reference accommodation that we can give is for women and it will be without meals?

Yours sincerely,

President.



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IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER
TO ALBERT H. ABBOTT,
DIRECTOR FOR ONTARIO.

12 March, 1917.

President R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
T o r o n t o.

My dear President Falconer:-

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter, which I have received from the Canadian Westinghouse Company, which completely confirms my idea of the situation.

I am satisfied that this letter would cover practically every case, at the present moment. How soon the men would be leaving the plants for farms, and an acute labor shortage created, I cannot say; may be before April 1st. It may, however, not come until after that date. I have told Mr. Sweet that I could not possibly recommend, under the circumstances, that his services are needed on munitions.

Yours faithfully,

Albert H. Abbott

ONTARIO DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR.

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Canadian Westinghouse Company Limited.

Hamilton, 7th March, 1917.

Mr. Albert H. Abbott,
Ontario Director, Department of Labour,
Royal Bank Building,
T o r o n t o .

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 1st inst., with reference to the application of Joseph Sweet for work on munitions in our factory, would say that we are needing men from time to time, and no doubt, as stated by Mr. Mitchell, we could have given this man employment.

While willing to give him employment, he is, of course, not absolutely necessary to us, as there will no doubt be lots of unskilled help available from time to time.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) C. H. O. Poot,
Manager of Works.

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April 2nd, 1917

Dr. A. H. Abbott,
Secretary, Alumni Association,
University of Toronto.

Dear Dr. Abbott:

I am sending you two contributions, one of five dollars, from Rev. Mr. Laflamme, and one of fifty dollars from Dr. Walter Chappell, 7 East 55th Street, New York.

The dinner went off very well and I explained your absence. I am sorry that you missed it as it was a fine occasion. There were about 75 present. Professor Osgood, F.D. Cravath, and Mr. Barron of the Wall Street Journal all spoke and spoke very well.

Yours sincerely,

President.



Parliament Buildings,

Toronto, April 23rd, 1917.

President R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

My dear President Falconer:

I have just received a letter from
Dr Seath, as follows:

"We have arranged, with the approval of President
"Falconer, that the applications for admission to the
"Summer School classes in connection with this De-
"partment shall be made not to you but to Principal
"Crawford, of the University Schools. You have other
"work on hand and even in former years unnecessary
"difficulty has arisen in connection with this branch
"of the work."

To which I have replied as the enclosed copy.

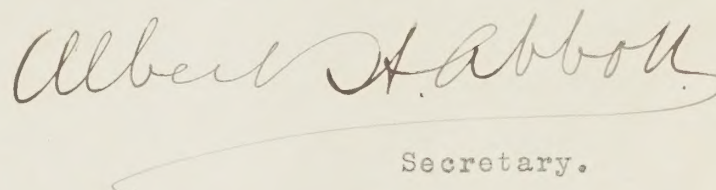
I presume, in agreeing to this change,
you were aware that Miss Latter, Miss McCallum and Miss
Walters were supposed to do this work. It is quite pos-
sible that Principal Crawford will wish the Extension Office
staff to do the work in any case, but if he does not, I
thought it best to let you know at once that the staff in
the Extension Office would have practically nothing to do
after the middle of May. This does not, by any means,
mean that their services may be dispensed with, as I am
sure you will understand.

So far as I am aware, Dr Seath had no
reason whatever for making the change beyond the one which
I have discussed with you on several occasions; namely:
that certain members of the staff of the Department of
Education wish to have the Summer Session removed completely
from the University Extension office to the Department of

President Falconer, April 23/17 - 2.

Education. I presume that the present is the first step in that direction.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Albert H. Abbott". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name "Secretary".

Secretary.

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Parliament Buildings,

Toronto, April 23rd, 1917.

Dr John Seath,

Department of Education,

Toronto.

My dear Dr Seath:

I have your favor of the 21st instant, in which you inform me that the applications for admission to the Summer Session classes in connection with the Department of Education will be made to Principal Crawford, of the University Schools, and not, as in former years, to the University Extension office.

I was not aware that any special difficulty had occurred in former years - it had never been reported to me by the Department - and while I, naturally, have nothing whatever to say with regard to the matter, I trust that when affairs return to normal the Summer School may be handled through the University Extension office, as in the past.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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